

Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street,
Nelson**

On Thursday 28 November 2013, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillor E Davy (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey, G Noonan and T Skinner

In Attendance: Councillors P Matheson and M Ward, Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Acting Group Manager Strategy and Environment (N McDonald), Kaihautū/Acting Manager Community Partnerships (G Mullen), Manager Human Resources (S Gully), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities (P Ruffell), Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roding (R Palmer), Administration Adviser (L Canton), and Youth Councillors C Rumsey and S Stephens

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register and no conflicts of interest with items on the agenda were noted.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair noted that an update to page 1 of the report Backflow Prevention Programme (A205968) had been tabled.

4. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

INFRASTRUCTURE

5. Bata Building Way Forward

Document number A1102263, agenda pages 7-13 refer.

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis presented the report.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 9.08am.

In response to questions Mr Louverdis said that demolition was intended for late January-early February 2014 and, if any demolition was to be deferred to a later period or indefinitely, additional maintenance cost would be incurred.

Resolved

THAT the Bata Building Way Forward report (A1102263) and its attachment (A748889) be received.

Lawrey/Barker

Carried

Councillor Davy, seconded by Her Worship the Mayor, moved a recommendation to Council:

THAT Council re-confirms its decision to demolish the Bata building and develop (i.e. pavement seal) the land to car parking;

AND THAT Council notes that this decision does not limit future use of the site for other public works;

AND THAT demolition commences no earlier than late February 2014.

It was suggested that, if it became apparent during the demolition that part of the panels or any part of the artwork could be saved at no additional cost, this should be done through discussions with the contractor at the time, rather than being included in the contract.

The Committee also considered the timing of the demolition, noting that January and February were peak trade times for surrounding businesses.

It was noted that the recommendation retained future options for development while achieving the best cost benefit for Nelson at the current time.

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Davy/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

UTILITIES

6. Backflow Prevention Programme

Document number A205968, agenda pages 14-22 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities, Phil Ruffell, presented the report.

Resolved

THAT the Backflow Prevention Programme report (A205968) and its attachments A236037 and A236172 be received.

Noonan/Acland

Carried

In response to questions, Mr Ruffell explained that the degree of risk to the network varied with each commercial property, and accordingly, higher risk properties would be addressed first.

It was noted that, on balance, cost recovery Option A was the most reasonable option, as the whole community benefitted from the services of many of the larger commercial users.

Recommendation to Council

THAT in line with the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 the proposed commencement be noted of the next stage of the Backflow Prevention Programme for existing commercial and industrial properties;

AND THAT in line with current practice owners of new or altered commercial/industrial activities be required to fit boundary backflow protection at their cost;

AND THAT Funding Option A be adopted (reflecting Council's current practice with all other water network upgrades) with the costs of retrofitting backflow preventers to existing activities recovered from all customers through the normal water charges, with the programme budget in 2013/14 being deferred to 2014/15 to allow for annual plan submissions;

AND THAT the costs of inspection, maintenance and replacement in future years be included in the appropriate Long Term Plan or Annual Plan and be recovered through Operation and Maintenance charges.

Davy/Skinner

Carried

TRANSPORT AND ROADING

7. Use of Public Car Parking Spaces for Placemaking Trial

Document number A692911, agenda pages 23-33 refer.

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, presented the report. In response to questions, Mr Louverdis advised that the Parking Strategy would be completed for reporting to Council towards the end of the current financial year.

He added that the proposal from the two businesses outside of the CBD was of a more temporary nature than the existing licenses granted inside the CBD. Therefore, he said, if fees were not waived, the charges to the two businesses would be likely to be in the lower range of standard license charges.

Councillor Copeland, seconded by Councillor Lawrey, moved the recommendation in the officer report.

During discussion, it was noted that whilst placemaking had a public good aspect, it also raised issues of unfair commercial advantage. It was also suggested that charging the two businesses an appropriate fee and limiting the trial to 12 months would help to address issues of consistency and unfair commercial advantage.

Concerns were expressed that the spaces should meet urban design standards, and that Council should consider the Parking Strategy before it approved any further placemaking trials.

Her Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Acland, moved an amendment to the fourth clause to reflect that an application fee, a licence fee and a bond would apply.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis advised that consultation with neighbouring businesses was required, and approval by 50% of those businesses was set as an acceptable limit.

The amendment was put and carried and became the substantive motion:

THAT the report Use of Public Car Parking Spaces for Placemaking Trial (A692911) and its attachments (A852474, A852560, A852734) be received;

AND THAT up to five individual public car parking spaces, outside of the City Centre, be used to trial placemaking;

AND THAT the current 'Licence To Occupy for Outdoor Dining on Carparks' be used for those car park allocations for placemaking;

AND THAT for the period of the trial the 'Licence To Occupy for Outdoor Dining on Carparks' application fee, licence fee and the bond would apply;

AND THAT the occupation of public car parking spaces for placemaking be reviewed by officers following a trial period of 12 months;

AND THAT the following alterations to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control (2011) be approved in order to temporarily discontinue public use of three car parking spaces for the current requests to trial placemaking:

- *Schedule 8 – Time Limited Parking Areas*
 - *P15 – Alton Street – Temporarily Discontinue;*
 - *P60 – Nile Street West – Temporarily Discontinue.*

The motion was put and lost on a show of hands, due to a tied vote.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 11.00am to 11.13am, during which time Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

8. The Brook Area Walking and Cycling Improvements Project – Public Feedback

Document number A941176, agenda pages 34-42 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer, presented the report. In response to questions, he explained the

locations of the shared path and the 'share with care' routes in the Brook area.

Mr Palmer gave a PowerPoint presentation (A1114030) showing how the 'share with care' areas proposed for Seymour Avenue, Tasman Street and Westbrook Avenue could appear.

Councillor Lawrey, seconded by Councillor Copeland moved the recommendation in the officer report.

Resolved

THAT the report The Brook Area Walking and Cycling Improvements – Public Feedback (A941176) and its attachments (A580995 and A925591) be received;

AND THAT the proposals shown in Attachment 1 (A580995) be approved for implementation in 2014/15.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

9. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	<p>Trafalgar Centre – Follow up report</p> <p>This report contains information relating to the earthquake prone issues of the building and its long-term future.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities

		exists under section 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
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Davy/Lawrey

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.35am and resumed in public session at 12.37pm.

10. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Davy/Acland

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.38pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date